

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Hamilton County Department of Probation Services Tobacco Deferral Program**

If you are under 18 years of age and have received a citation for tobacco use or possession, you must follow these instructions to sign up for the Tobacco Deferral Program and thereby avoid court costs and fines.

If you are interested in the Tobacco Deferral Program and do not have another conviction for illegal use or possession of tobacco, you must make the decision now if you want to participate in the program.

If you have any further question after you leave court today, please call: **(317) 776-5856.**

All classes will be held at the Juvenile Services Center located at:  
18106 Cumberland Road  
Noblesville, IN. 46060

**Your initial hearing has been reset to \_\_\_\_\_ at 5:30 p.m. You must return to court if you are asked to leave the class and/or do not successfully complete the program.**

**\*\*\*\*\*You must bring these signed forms to class or you will not be allowed to participate. \*\*\*\*\***

# What is the Hamilton County Tobacco Deferral Program?

The Hamilton County Tobacco Deferral Program:

- Is a low cost (\$60.00) program supported and administered by the Hamilton County City and County Courts, the Hamilton County Sheriff and Police Departments, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, and the Hamilton County Probation Department.
- Is designed to provide a positive educational alternative to court appearances, court fees and fines and/or school suspensions.
- Utilizes a tobacco education model that is nationally recognized as being effective with teens. The program is called the Tobacco Education Group (TEG).
- Utilizes trained facilitators to present the program.
- Has a one time fee of \$60.00 (money order made out to **HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER**). Must be paid the night of class.

# What is the Tobacco Education Group (TEG)?

The Tobacco Education Group (TEG):

- Is a positive alternative to the court procedure or school suspension for youth who are caught using or possessing tobacco products.
- Is a research-based tobacco education program specifically for youth. The program provides basic information on the effects of tobacco use.

The TEG program may be followed by a voluntary cessation program, if the youth chooses. Cessation program information will be provided in the TEG Program.

# How does the Hamilton County Tobacco Deferral Program work?

The Tobacco Deferral Program works as follows:

1. A youth under the age of 18 is issued a citation (ticket) for tobacco possession or usage violation by any law enforcement officer in Hamilton County. The citation advises the law violated.
2. The youth and their parent/guardian must appear at court on or before the assigned hearing date. At the court appearance, the youth is offered the option of participating in the Tobacco Deferral Program **if this is their first offense.**
3. If the youth does not register at the time of their court appearance, the youth will be given a packet with instructions to contact (317) 776-5856 within 48 hours to register for a Tobacco Education Group (TEG) program. A schedule for the programs is included in this packet.
4. The youth must attend the entire TEG program. Attendance will be taken and recorded.
5. The court system will be notified if the youth completes the program or does not complete the program. Completion of the program is defined as attending and not disrupting one of the sessions listed in this packet.
6. Upon completion of the program the youth will not have to re-appear in court. If the youth fails to complete the program, then they and their parent or guardian will need to return to court on a new date given to them by the court as listed on the first page.
7. Please call (317) 776-5856 if you have any further questions.

# **Hamilton County Tobacco Education Group Program Dress Code**

While attending the TEG program, the following dress code rules apply to each participant:

- No clothing depicting alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is allowed to be worn in class.
- No undergarments are to be showing.
- Shirts and shoes must be worn.
- No low-cut or skin-tight skirts or blouses are allowed.
- No clothing that exposes any mid-section of the body is to be worn in class.
- No hats.

If you are not dressed appropriately, you will be told to leave the class and will not be allowed to return.

**You must return to court if you are asked to leave the class and/or do not successfully complete the program.**

# Hamilton County Tobacco Deferral Program Contract

## Tobacco Education Group Program

(To be completed by the youth and parent/guardian)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Choice/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You have been offered the opportunity to participate in the Tobacco Deferral Program in lieu of paying court costs and fines. This program is available to first time offenders.

The following rules apply to the Tobacco Education Group:

- You must not disrupt the class.
- The court will be notified of your attendance record.
- Refusal to attend or not successfully completing the entire TEG program requirements may result in contempt of court charges; violation of probation proceedings or imposition of a fine up to \$500.00.
- You must pay the \$60.00 Programming Fee in the form of a **money order/cashier's check** made out to the **HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER**.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that my son/daughter has elected to participate in the Hamilton County Tobacco Deferral Program – Tobacco Education Group. I understand that he/she is required to attend one class. I acknowledge that we are aware of and agree to the rules and fees listed above.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

# **TOBACCO EDUCATION GROUP (T.E.G.)**

Juvenile Services Center  
18106 Cumberland Road  
Noblesville, IN. 46060  
(317) 776-5856

## **2016 DATES**

<b>March</b>	1, 2016	Tuesday 5:00p-8:30p	Juvenile Services Center
<b>June</b>	7, 2016	Tuesday 5:00p-8:30p	Juvenile Services Center
<b>August</b>	2, 2016	Tuesday 5:00p-8:30p	Juvenile Services Center
<b>October</b>	4, 2016	Tuesday 5:00p-8:30p	Juvenile Services Center
<b>December</b>	6, 2016	Tuesday 5:00p-8:30p	Juvenile Services Center